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Administrator Starfield,

As you know, on April 21st the EPA announced proposed new emission limits for new and existing cement kilns that do not burn hazardous waste. These new limits will govern the release of Mercury, Particulate Matter, Total Hydrocarbons, and Hydrochloric Acid from these kilns for the first time at the federal level.

As you also know, the largest concentration of cement manufacturing in the US is located in Midlothian, Texas, immediately south of Dallas and Ft. Worth and included in the DFW non-attainment area for ozone pollution. There are six kilns in Midlothian that will be governed by these proposed EPA emission limits: one at TXI's cement plant, two at Holcim's cement plant, and three at Ash Grove's cement plant.

I'm respectfully requesting that EPA Region Six examine current and historical data on the emissions of Mercury, Particulate Matter, Total Hydrocarbons, and Hydrochloric Acid from these six Midlothian kilns and assess the impact of the proposed EPA limits on their operation.

Specifically, I'm interested in knowing:

- 1) What the current emissions of these four pollutants are at these six kilns in comparison to the EPA's proposed emission limits.
- 2) If current emissions from these six kilns exceed the EPA's proposed limits, what kind of technologies or industrial processes are available to these kilns to meet the proposed limits?

I would appreciate it very much if such an analysis could be completed before June 30th so that its conclusions could be incorporated in comments to EPA on the new proposed emission limits due by July 6th. If you have any questions about my request, please feel free to contact my office. I look forward to your analysis. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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